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SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" நெட்டப்பாக்கம், திருபுவனம் முதலிய ப்ரெஞ்சு பிரதேசங்கள் தாங்கள் விடுவிக்கப்பட்டதாக அறிவித்துக் கொண்டு அங்கு இடைக்கால சர்க்காரை அமைத்துக் கொண்டு நிர்வாகம்செய்து வருகிறார்கள். அதனால் அங்கு அமைதியும் நலனும் குறைந்துகொண்டு வருகிறது. அங்கு இருக்கக்கூடிய பிரஜைகள் அமைதியாக வாழமுடியாமல் அவர்கள் ஹிம்ஸைக்கும் உள்ளாகி வருகிறார்கள். அப்படிப்பட்ட புகார்கள் சர்க்காருக்கு எவ்வளவோ வந்திருக்கலாம். சமீபத்தில் திருபுவனத்திலிருந்து ஐந்து பிரஜைகளை நெட்டப்பாக்கத்திற்கு கொண்டுபோய் அங்கு அவர்களை ஹிம்ஸை செய்து சித்ரவதை செய்திருக்கிறார்கள். அவர்களில் மூன்றுபேர்கள் கூட இறந்து விட்டதாக செய்தி வந்திருக்கிறது. அப்படி வந்திருக்கும் செய்தி நிஜமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I have no information on this matter. The hon. Member seems to be making many presumptions and I do not know whether they are correct."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" ஸார், இது மிகவும் முக்யமான விஷயம். ஆகையால் இதைப்பற்றி விவாதிக்க அரைமணி நேரம் ஒதுக்கவேண்டும் என்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன் ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" இதைப்பற்றி விவாதிக்க அரைமணி நேரம் ஒதுக்கமுடியாது."

Dispute between the management and workers of the Standard Premier Factory, Kozhikode.

* 1129 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that satyagraha is going on before the Standard Premier Factory at Kozhikode by the workers of the factory;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the satyagraha; and

(*c*) what steps the Government have taken to bring about a conciliation in regard to the dispute between the workers and the management of the Standard Premier Factory?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Satyagraha was started by the workers of the Standard Cotton and Silk Weaving Factory, Kozhikode, from 8th February 1954.

" (*b*) The workers wanted re-opening of the Factory and their reinstatement.

" (*c*) On the intervention of the Labour Officer, the management paid Rs. 2,000 as advance to the workers on 5th March 1954. But they did not re-open the factory as promised on account of financial difficulties. It is open to the Union to file claim petitions as per the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1953, for lay-off wages or gratuity in the prescribed manner."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, in regard to this dispute, an agreement was reached between the management and the workers that the management should pay Rs. 2,000 to the workers. Actually the management did not pay this amount. Besides this, may I

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ask the Hon. the Minister to state whether the management have given any notice to the workers before closing the factory, as textile factories are included under essential services? May I also know from the Hon. Minister whether the management had so far given any retrenchment benefit to the workers according to the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the information that I have is that the management have paid, in accordance with the assurance given to the workers, Rs. 2,000 as advance on the 5th March. As regards the question about notice to the workers, I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Sir, from the answer given by the Hon. Minister it is clear that the employer has not paid retrenchment benefit under the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act. Will the Hon. Minister kindly tell us whether the Government intend prosecuting the employer for failure to comply with the requirements of the Act?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the Union has been advised to file claim petitions as per the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act of 1953. If, after the claim petitions have been filed, the management refuses to pay, then action will be considered."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister just now said that the workers had been instructed to file claim petitions to realise the amounts due to them. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to enlighten us as to whether lay-off claims and other dues to workers will have priority over other debts?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is asking for legal opinion."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, as it is a question of legal opinion, I would like to have notice."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, are the Government aware that claim petitions have been filed by the workers and more than Rs. 20,000 have been awarded for 34 workers and this has been outstanding for a long time. I want to know what steps the Government have taken in the matter?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I would like to have notice."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" The Hon. Minister 11-20
should be well aware of the fact that these claim statements, even a.m.
if presented, will take a long time for settlement. When there is an existing provision under the Industrial Disputes Act for prosecuting the employer to expedite matters, may I know why do this Government delay in prosecuting him?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" As regards the question whether there is need to prosecute the management, I would like to have notice."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the same management misappropriated Rs. 80,000 which is to be deposited in a bank in the name of the workers under the supervision of the Government? May I also know whether the Hon. Minister has received any representation on this matter, and if so, what action has been taken by the Government against the management for the misappropriation of the fund? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am afraid that all these supplementary questions do not arise out of the main question. If the hon. Member would only give me certain particulars I shall go into them further."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will now pass on to the next question."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" I submit, Sir, this is a very important question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It may be so."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" This question involves the labour policy of the Government."

MR. SPEAKER :—" There are so many other questions involving the labour policy of the Government. Apart from that, I have given fifteen minutes for this question. I must cover all the forty-five questions in one hour."

Investigation of the " Kallar Scheme ".

* 1130 *Q.*—SRI P. CHELLATHURAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to investigate the " Kallar Scheme " to provide more irrigation facilities to Ramanathapuram district; and

(*b*) if so, when the investigation will begin?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) This scheme is likely to be considered in connection with the Second Five-Year Plan.

" (*b*) It is not possible to state now when the investigation will be taken up."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Since the Finance Minister of the Government of India recently stated that the Madras Government had not sent up the proposal to include this Kallar Scheme in the Second Five-Year Plan, may I know, whether the Hon. Minister will send up the proposal to the Central Government to include the Kallar Scheme in the Second Five-Year Plan? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It has been brought to my notice that there are two rivers with the same name, viz., ' Kal Ar ' and ' Kallar '. The question of diversion of the waters of the former flowing